

Political reality: Congress can't save -- or end -- abortion

By LISA MASCARO

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fighting for decades over abortion policy, Congress is about to run into the stark political limits of its ability to save — or end — the Roe v. Wade protections. President Joe Biden has called on Democrats to enshrine the nearly 50-year-old Supreme Court ruling into law after the disclosure of a draft opinion that would overturn the landmark decision that declared a constitutional right to abortion services. But passing bills is easier said than done in the narrowly split Congress — reflective of a deeply divided nation. A test vote Wednesday in the Senate on a Democratic bill to protect access to abortions is expected to fail, blocked by a Republi-

can-led filibuster.

At the same time, Republicans led by Sen. Mitch McConnell face similar political problems trying to ban abortions nationwide, even if they wrest control of the chamber in next fall's midterm elections. Instead, whatever the Supreme Court decides on Roe v. Wade in its final opinion this summer almost guarantees a new era of political fighting in Congress over abortion policy, filibuster rules and the most basic rights to health care, privacy and protecting the unborn.

"All of us will have to answer for this vote for the rest of our time in public office," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer ahead of Wednesday's action.

Continued on next page



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., speaks to reporters ahead of a procedural vote on Wednesday to essentially codify Roe v. Wade, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Associated Press

LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF PASEO HERENCIA MALL

11th
13th

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY NIGHT 10PM
KARAOKE NIGHT

12th
THU

ALL NIGHT LONG DEALS | 3\$ PINOT GRIGIO
DJ NIGHT BEER BUCKET DEALS
3\$ MAGIC ORANGE BEER

THE BULLDOG
ARUBA

EVERY DAY

BUCKET SPECIALS
COCKTAILS
SHOTS
CANDY SHAKES
LIQUOR SHAKES
SPECIAL DRINKS

HAPPY HOUR
FROM 7 TO 9 PM

We always welcome walk-ins, but reservations are highly recommended!
T +2975637951 E orsine.wanga@thebulldog.com

Fit2fly **COVID-19**
Testing Center

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!

NAAT (Abott ID):
Result in 30 minutes!
PCR / Antigen Test
SAME DAY RESULT!

LABORATORIO DI SERVIZIO

MedCare Clinic
URGENT CARE

Tel: (+297) 280-0630
info@medcare.aw / www.medcare.aw

Locations: **The Cove Mall** (8:00 AM - 6:00 PM) **Medcare near Courtyard by Marriott** (8:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

AQUA GRILL

FREE DESSERT

Not valid with other promotions, coupons or vouchers.
Valid with purchase of appetizer and entree. Each coupon is valid for one person per table.

SCAN ME

PLEASE CUT HERE

ARUBA'S PREMIER SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Reservations + (297) 586-5900
www.aqua-grill.com



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., speaks to reporters ahead of a procedural vote on Wednesday to essentially codify *Roe v. Wade*, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Associated Press

Continued from Front

In recent years, abortion access debates in many ways have come to a standstill in Congress, a political draw, as lawmakers faced the limits of trying to move public policy beyond the historic *Roe v. Wade* court decision. Bills would routinely come up for votes — to expand or limit abortion services — only to fall along typically party line votes or be stripped out of broader legislative packages. But the Supreme Court's conservative 6-3 majority, solidified during the Trump era, has ignited an urgent shift to the forefront in Congress. McConnell stunned Washington when he said "it's possible" to see a national abortion ban. The Republican leader has been a key architect of the Supreme Court's solid conservative majority, engineering rapid-fire confirmation of three of Donald Trump's nominees in just four years and changing Senate filibuster rules to

push past Democratic objections. In an interview with USA Today, McConnell recently said, "If the leaked opinion became the final opinion, legislative bodies — not only at the state level but at the federal level — certainly could legislate in that area." But on Tuesday McConnell acknowledged that if Republicans become the majority in the Senate they still are unlikely to have enough votes to ban abortion outright. "The widespread sentiment in my conference is this issue will be dealt with at the state level," McConnell said. He said Republicans won't have the 60 votes needed to overcome a filibuster. Likewise, Democrat Brian Schatz of Hawaii said for the other side, "I think we have to be explicit and tell the truth, which is, we don't currently have the votes." Still, he said hopefully that if voters elect more senators who favor abortion rights, "we will put this into federal

law." Both parties face enormous pressure to convince voters they are doing all they can — the Democrats working to preserve abortion access and the Republicans to end it — as they race toward fall when control of Congress is at stake in the elections. The congressional campaign committees are fundraising off the abortion issue, and working furiously to energize voters who are already primed to engage when such a long-running and important issue for millions of Americans is at stake. The two Republican senators who support abortion access, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, who faces her own reelection in November, and Susan Collins of Maine, have proposed a separate bill that would counter the Supreme Court's action. But both senators, who voted to confirm most of Trump's justices, are expected to stick with their Republican Party this week and block the Democratic

bill as too broad. At the same time, Democrats have largely panned the Collins-Murkowski effort as insufficient, leaving no hopes, for now, of any compromise. And rank-and-file Republicans distanced themselves from McConnell's initial remarks, saying an all-out national ban on abortions is not something they can deliver. "The reality is that you would never get that done here," said Sen. Mike Rounds, R-S.D. Democrats are unconvinced that Republicans, who have fought for years to deny abortion services, would give that fight up now and let the states decide. Democrats believe Republicans are "running scared," Schumer said, afraid of what they have unleashed, with polls showing most Americans want to preserve some access to abortion. It was McConnell who blocked Barack Obama's choice of Merrick Garland to fill a court vacancy at the start of

the 2016 presidential campaign, leaving the seat open for Trump to fill after he won the White House. And even though McConnell insisted Tuesday there is "zero" interest among Republicans to change Senate filibuster rules to make it easier to pass an abortion ban, it was the GOP leader who orchestrated the Senate rules change to allow 51-vote threshold to confirm Supreme Court nominees. "Republicans have worked day in and day out for decades on end to overturn *Roe v. Wade*," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash. More likely is that both parties will try to chip away at the issue — Republicans tightening access to abortion at the national level, while Democrats work to shore up the availability of medicinal abortions and other related services. "There are multiple fronts we can move on," said Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. In the House, where Democrats have the majority, lawmakers approved the Women's Health Protection Act last year on a largely part line vote once the Supreme Court first signaled it was considering the issue by allowing a Texas law's ban on abortions to take effect. But the bill has languished in the Senate, evenly split 50-50 with Democratic control because of Vice President Kamala Harris' ability to cast a tie-breaking vote. Unable to mount the 60 votes needed to overcome a filibuster, a test vote failed in February, with one Democrat, Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, joining Republicans to block the bill's consideration. A similar outcome is expected Wednesday when the Senate tries again to pass the legislation, which would put the guaranteed right to abortion into law. It's the first of what Schumer promises will be repeated efforts to show voters where the parties stand. "This is no longer just an abstract exercise: Now we know women's rights are at stake," Schumer said. "So this vote is the first step. We are going to keep fighting." □

U.S. intel questioned for misjudging Afghanistan, Ukraine

By NOMAAN MERCHANT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top U.S. intelligence officials were questioned Tuesday about why they misjudged the durability of governments in both Afghanistan and Ukraine, and whether they need to reform how intelligence agencies assess a foreign military's will to fight.

U.S. intelligence believed the U.S.-backed Kabul government would hold out for months against the Taliban and thought Russian forces would overrun Ukraine in a few weeks. Both assessments were wrong. The U.S. and Western allies are now rushing to aid Ukraine's resistance against Russia in what has turned into a grinding, violent stalemate. "What we missed was the will to fight of the Ukrainians...and we also missed that in Afghanistan," said Sen. Angus King, an independent from Maine, at a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He added, "I realize will to fight is a lot harder to assess than number of tanks or volume of ammunition or something. But I hope the intelligence community is doing some soul-searching about how to better get a handle on that question." President Joe Biden's administration disclosed in advance Russian President Vladimir Putin's intentions to invade Ukraine, a public campaign that it says built support for crushing sanctions on the Russian economy and military support from NATO members. Top U.S. officials have gone to Kyiv to meet with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and pledged more military and intelligence support.

Avril Haines, the U.S. director of national intelligence,



Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines testifies during a Senate Armed Services hearing to examine worldwide threats on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Associated Press

said that "will to fight" and "capacity to fight" in tandem were difficult to predict. The National Intelligence Council, a group of advisers that reviews the agencies as a whole, is studying the issue, she said. "The two of them are issues that are, as you indicated, quite challenging to provide effective analysis on," Haines told King. "And we're looking at different methodologies for doing so."

The U.S. might have done more before the invasion to assist Zelenskyy had lawmakers believed Kyiv had more of a chance, King said. And after predictions that the Taliban would be held back as long as a year after the American withdrawal, the coalition-backed government "lasted minus-two weeks," King noted, a reference to the Taliban overrunning Kabul before the withdrawal formally ended.

The U.S. was forced to negotiate with the Taliban to evacuate thousands of American citizens and Afghan allies fighting huge crowds to secure space on evacuation flights. An attack at the Kabul airport killed 13 U.S. troops and at least 170 Afghan civilians. King raised his voice to cut off Lt. Gen. Scott Berrier, head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, after Berrier said he believed the intelligence agencies had

done "a great job."

"General, how can you

possibly say that when we

were told explicitly, Kyiv

would fall in three days and Ukraine would fall in two weeks?" he said. "You're telling me that was accurate intelligence?"

U.S. intelligence believed before the war Russia's forces were so much larger and more powerful than Ukraine's that "it wasn't going to go very well for a variety of factors," Berrier said. He testified Tuesday that "there was never an intelligence community assessment that said the Ukrainians lacked the will to fight." That appears to contradict his statement from Senate testimony in March, when Berrier said he "questioned their will to fight. That was a bad assessment on my part because they have fought bravely and honorably and are doing the right thing." □

WACKY WAHOO'S

Your first choice for locally caught fish and seafood on the island.
Very reasonably priced, exciting menu and no service charge added to your bill.



We are open from Monday - Saturday from 5.30pm - 10pm.
No reservation required! We operate on a first come first serve system.

Located within walking distance from the High Rise hotels at Palm Beach #33.
For more information call +297-586.7333

Like
us on
Facebook

facebook.com/arubatoday/

Sheriff: Alabama inmate, jailer were prepared for a shootout

By DYLAN LOVAN and JAY REEVES

Associated Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — A murder suspect and the jailer who helped him escape from an Alabama lockup were carrying \$29,000 in cash, four handguns and an AR-15 rifle and were prepared for a shootout when they were captured, an Indiana sheriff said Tuesday. Authorities caught up with the pair on Monday, more than a week after the breakout and nearly 300 miles away, and rammed their car into a ditch after a brief chase. Escaped inmate Casey White, 38, surrendered, while jail official Vicky White, 56, was found with a gunshot wound to the head and was pronounced dead at a hospital, officials said.

Authorities believe she shot herself, but a coroner will make the determination, Vanderburgh County Sheriff Dave Wedding said. The end of the manhunt left authorities trying to piece together what happened during the 11 days that elapsed after Vicky White escorted Casey White from a Florence, Alabama, jail for what she falsely claimed was a mental health evaluation.



Vanderburgh County Sheriff Dave Wedding holds up a photo of captured Alabama escapee Casey White during a press conference at the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office in Evansville, Ind., Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Associated Press

The inmate and the long-divorced Vicky White appeared to have had a "jail-house romance," Alabama authorities said last week. They were not related.

As for her role in the escape, the sheriff said: "He was not forcing her. It was a mutual relationship."

At the time of the breakout, Casey White was serving a 75-year prison sentence for attempted murder and other offenses and was

awaiting trial on charges of stabbing to a woman to death during a 2015 burglary. If convicted, he could get the death penalty.

Investigators believe the pair spent about six days holed up at a motel in Evansville. Authorities discovered wigs intended to hide their identities. Wedding said investigators do not believe the two had relatives or other contacts

in the city of 120,000. "They thought they'd driven long enough. They wanted to stop for a while, get their bearings straight and then figure out the next place to travel," the sheriff said.

Authorities closed in on them after the manager of a car wash reported that a man closely resembling the 6-foot-9, 260-pound Casey White had been recorded by a surveillance camera getting out of a pickup

truck.

Investigators said they located the pickup, then learned that the pair may have switched to a Cadillac, which was then spotted outside a motel nearby. When the couple left the motel, police chased them down, authorities said.

Casey White told investigators after his capture that "he was probably going to have a shootout at the stake of both of them losing their lives," the sheriff said.

The inmate appeared by video Tuesday in an Indiana courtroom, where he waived extradition, and authorities said he will be sent back to Alabama.

An attorney representing White in the murder case, Jamy Poss, declined to comment.

Vicky White, assistant director of corrections at the Lauderdale County jail, had put in for retirement ahead of the escape, and the day of the breakout, April 29, was her last day of work. A woman who worked with her for 16 years could barely speak through tears Tuesday.

"I know she did wrong and made a terrible mistake, but she's still your friend," longtime jail employee Sherry Sylvester said. □

New York appeals court dismisses AG suit against Amazon



New York State Attorney General Letitia James speaks during the New York State Democratic Convention in New York, Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022.

Associated Press

By HALELUYA HADERO

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — An appeals court in New York dismissed New York Attorney General Letitia James' law-

suit against Amazon over its coronavirus safety protocols and a former employee who led the successful union organizing effort on Staten Island.

Besides potentially exposing workers to the virus at two Amazon facilities in New York City, the lawsuit filed by James last year claimed that Amazon illegally retaliated against workers who spoke up about poor safety conditions in its warehouses. They include Chris Smalls, the fired Amazon worker who now heads the Amazon Labor Union, and Derrick Palmer, the group's vice president of organizing.

The appellate court said in its ruling Tuesday that federal labor law preempted state labor law, and the National Labor Relations Board "should serve as the forum" for disputes arising from conduct that's protected or prohibited by federal labor law, not the

states.

It also said the lawsuit's efforts to require the retailer to comply with New York's COVID-19 workplace guidelines was dismissed as moot because the restriction in place at the time have since been lifted.

The court also pointed to a separate NLRB case over another fired employee, Gerald Bryson. It said that case involves "essentially the same allegations of retaliation, and the possibility of inconsistent rulings on the same issue poses an 'obvious and substantial' 'risk of interference'" with the NLRB's jurisdiction.

Palmer, who was given a final written warning in the early days of the pandemic, is still employed at Amazon. □

The court's ruling is a win for Amazon, which had sought to have the case thrown out but its motion to dismiss was denied by a trial court last year.

"Throughout the pandemic, Amazon has failed to provide a safe working environment for New Yorkers, putting their health and safety at risk," said Morgan Rubin, a spokesperson for the attorney general, in a statement. "As our office reviews the decision and our options moving forward, Attorney General James remains committed to protecting Amazon workers, and all workers, from unfair treatment."

The Seattle-based online retailer did not immediately respond to a request for comment. □

Donors fall well short of U.N. target for Syria aid

By LORNE COOK

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — International donors on Tuesday pledged \$6.7 billion to help Syrians and neighboring countries hosting refugees but fell well short of a U.N. target for assistance to millions of people from conflict-torn Syria who rely on aid to survive.

European Union Neighborhood Commissioner Oliver Varhelyi acknowledged that the war in Ukraine and the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic weighed heavily on donors' economies.

Still, "donors are sending now a very strong signal to Syria and this region that we are ready to do even more than before," he said. The United Nations had been seeking \$10.5 billion for 2022. It says that 14.6 million people in Syria rely on aid 1.2 million more than in 2021 and that over 90% of Syrians live in poverty. About 3.9 million people in Syria go hungry every day. It's the second year in a row that pledges have not lived up to expectations. Last year, the EU, the United States and other nations pledged \$6.4 billion, with



United Nations Special Envoy for Syria Geir O. Pedersen, left, talks with European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell prior to a meeting. Supporting the future of Syria and the region, at the European Council building in Brussels, Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

the U.N asking for \$10 billion to meet vital needs.

Earlier, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell warned that Russia's invasion of Ukraine is making the plight of poverty-stricken Syrians far worse. Borrell said that 60% of Syria's population "suffer food insecurity, and barely know where the next meal is going to come from."

"The Russian war will increase food and energy prices and the situation in Syria will become worse," he said.

Borrell said the 27-nation bloc would provide an additional 1 billion euros (\$1.1 billion) for Syria this year, bringing the annual total to 1.5 billion euros (\$1.6 billion). He said the EU would also provide 1.56 billion eu-

ros (\$1.65 billion) next year. The U.S. pledged over \$800 million.

Borrell vowed that the EU would maintain sanctions against Syrian President Bashar Assad's government and stressed that there can be no normalized relations until Syrian refugees are "safe to go back home." Food prices around the world were already rising,

but the war in Ukraine — a major wheat supplier — has made things worse. The impact is worsening the plight of millions of Syrians driven from their homes by the country's 11-year war. Many rely on international aid to survive.

The war in Ukraine has also created a whole new group of refugees. European nations and the U.S. have rushed to help more than 5.5 million Ukrainians who have fled to neighboring countries, as well as more than 7 million displaced within Ukraine's borders.

Half of Syria's pre-war population of 23 million people was displaced by the conflict.

Aid agencies had hoped to draw some of the world's attention back to Syria at Tuesday's conference, which was hosted by the EU. The funding also goes toward aid for the 5.7 million Syrian refugees living in neighboring countries, particularly Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan.

Non-EU country Norway pledged 1.5 billion kroner (\$156 million) for 2022 (asterisk)(asterisk)should this be 2022? □

Associated Press

Fighters appeal for evacuation of wounded from Mariupol mill

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Fighters of the Azov Regiment, the Ukrainian unit holed up in the besieged Azovstal steel mill in the devastated port city of Mariupol, have released photos of their wounded comrades in arms who they say are in the plant, along with an appeal to the United Nations and Red Cross to arrange for their evacuation. In a statement accompanying the photos posted on a Telegram channel titled "Azov Mariupol" Tuesday, they said the wounded, who they noted were no longer combatants, were living in unsanitary conditions "with open wounds bandaged with non-sterile remnants of bandages, without the necessary medication and even food."

The statement said that "the whole civilized world

must see the conditions in which the wounded, crippled defenders of Mariupol are and act."

"We demand the immediate evacuation of wounded servicemen to Ukrainian-controlled territories, where they will be assisted and provided with proper care," the statement concluded, noting there were several hundred wounded fighters in the plant.

The series of 10 photos shows fighters with severe injuries, including two standing on crutches who have had their left legs amputated, one with his left arm amputated at the shoulder and another with his right arm amputated above the elbow, with the stump bandaged. Two others are shown being treated by medics, and another has an external fixation de-

vice, which is screwed into broken limbs to stabilize them, on his right arm.

It was not possible to independently verify where the photos were shot or the identities of those depicted.

The seaside steel mill is the only part of the strategic port city that has not been taken over by Russian forces. With a warren of tunnels and bunkers extending deep beneath the plant, hundreds of civilians had taken shelter there from the intense bombardment of their city. Ukrainian and Russian officials had said the last remaining women, children and the elderly were evacuated from the plant earlier this week, but confusion remained as to whether all civilians had been evacuated after two Ukrainian officials on Tues-



In this photo provided by Azov Special Forces Regiment of the Ukrainian National Guard Press Office, an Azov Special Forces Regiment's serviceman, injured during fighting against Russian forces, poses for a photographer inside the Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol, Ukraine, Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Associated Press

day estimated that some remained.

The Azov Regiment has a controversial past. It derives from a group called the Azov Battalion, which formed in 2014 as one of

many volunteer brigades in the fight against Russia-backed separatists in Ukraine's east. It drew its initial fighters from far-right circles and elicited criticism for its tactics. □

Facebook sued in Kenya over work conditions for moderators

By **RODNEY MUHUMUZA**
and **AMANDA SEITZ**
Associated Press

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) —

A man who says he is “destroyed” after working as a content moderator for Facebook has filed a lawsuit accusing the company of human trafficking Africans to work in an exploitative and unsafe facility in Kenya.

The case against Meta Platforms, the Menlo Park, Calif. company that owns Facebook, and Sama, a San Francisco subcontractor, was lodged Tuesday with a court in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

Daniel Motaung's petition “calls upon Kenya's courts to order Facebook and its outsourcing companies to end exploitation in its Nairobi moderation hub, where content moderators work in dangerous conditions,” said a statement by Foxglove, a London-based legal nonprofit that supports Facebook content moderators.

The first video Motaung watched as a Facebook moderator was a video of someone being beheaded, he told reporters during a call Tuesday. He stayed on the job for roughly six months, after relocating from South Africa to Nairobi in 2019 for the work.



Facebook's Meta logo sign is seen at the company headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif., on, Oct. 28, 2021.

Associated Press

Motaung says he was dismissed after trying to spearhead efforts to unionize at the facility.

Motaung said his job was traumatizing and he now has a fear of death.

“I had potential,” Motaung said. “When I went to Kenya, I went to Kenya because I wanted to change my life. I wanted to change the life of my family. I came out a different person, a person who has been destroyed.”

Motaung says in his filing that once he arrived in Ke-

nya for that work, he was told to sign a non-disclosure agreement and his pay was less than promised, with one monthly paycheck that was 40,000 Kenyan shillings, or roughly \$350 U.S. dollars.

The lawsuit notes that Sama targets people from poor families across Kenya, South Africa, Ethiopia, Somalia, Uganda and other countries in the region with “misleading job ads” that fail to disclose that they will be working as Facebook content moderators or

viewing disturbing content that expose them to mental health woes.

Applicants are recruited “through deceit,” said Mercy Mutemi, who filed the petition in court Tuesday morning. “We found a lot of Africans were forced into force labor situations and human trafficking. When you leave your country for a job that you didn't apply for, that amounts to human trafficking.”

Content moderators are not given enough medical coverage to seek mental

health treatment, the filing alleges.

The lawsuit also seeks orders for Facebook and Sama to respect moderators' right to unionize.

Meta's office in Nairobi said it takes seriously its responsibility to people who review content for the company and requires its “partners to provide industry-leading pay, benefits and support,” according to a statement issued by the company's spokeswoman.

“We also encourage content reviewers to raise issues when they become aware of them and regularly conduct independent audits to ensure our partners are meeting the high standards we expect of them,” the statement said.

In 2020, Facebook agreed to pay \$52 million to U.S. content moderators who filed a class action lawsuit after they were repeatedly exposed to beheadings, child and sexual abuse, animal cruelty, terrorism and other disturbing content. Sama, which describes itself as an ethical AI company, did not immediately provide comment.

Sama's Nairobi location is the largest content moderation facility in Africa, with approximately 240 employees working on the effort, according to the filing. □

Indonesian sailors seize \$82M of cocaine floating off port



In this photo released by the Indonesian Navy, navy personnel display packages containing 179 kilograms (nearly 400 pounds) of cocaine worth of 1.2 trillion rupiah (\$82.6 million) during a media conference at the Western Fleet headquarters in Jakarta, Indonesia, Monday, May 9, 2022.

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Sailors deployed to secure

travel during the Eid al-Fitr holiday made Indonesia's

biggest cocaine seizure after finding plastic packages of the drugs floating at sea, the navy said.

Indonesia is a major hub for drug trafficking in Southeast Asia and has strict drug laws, with convicted smugglers sometimes executed by firing squad.

The four black packages containing 179 kilograms (nearly 400 pounds) of cocaine worth 1.2 trillion rupiah (\$82.6 million) were found floating near Merak port on Java island on Sunday, the navy's deputy chief of staff said at a news conference Monday.

Smuggling drugs by throwing packages and a buoy into the sea is a common tactic, Vice Adm. Ahmadi

Heri Purwono said. Smugglers likely put the drugs in the water near a port for them to be moved by a speedboat and were monitoring the packages when they were seized by the navy, he said.

“This is a spectacular seizure of cocaine, considering its huge value and the impact on the people as a result of the illicit drugs,” Purwono said. No one has been arrested, and authorities are still investigating, he said.

The officers who spotted the package were among 5,000 navy personnel deployed to secure Eid al-Fitr homecomings. Millions of Indonesians celebrate the holiday at the end of the

Muslim holy month of Ramadan by traveling to see their families across the vast archipelago.

The U.N. drug office says Indonesia is a major smuggling hub in part because international drug syndicates target its young population. Indonesia's National Narcotics Agency estimates there are 5.6 million drug users in the country of 270 million people.

Most of the more than 150 people on Indonesia's death row were convicted of drug crimes.

About one-third of them are foreigners. Its last executions were in 2016, when an Indonesian and three foreigners were shot by a firing squad. □

Colombia cartel shuts down towns over leader's extradition

By ASTRID SUAREZ

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— The Gulf Clan drug cartel shut down dozens of towns in northern Colombia for four days in reaction to its leader being extradited to the U.S. for trial. It warned that anyone who disobeyed the stay-at-home order risked being shot or having their vehicle burned.

Businesses closed, schools stayed shut, intercity bus service was suspended and a professional soccer match couldn't be played after one of the teams refused to travel to the game. The Gulf Clan's "armed stoppage" decree was issued Thursday in pamphlets and WhatsApp messages following the extradition of Dairo Antonio Usuga — also known as Otoniel — to the United States, where he faces drug trafficking charges.

The action appeared to be winding down Monday, according to reports from human rights groups and the Roman Catholic Church, but underlined that the cartel is still a major security threat despite Otoniel's highly publicized arrest last year.

Analysts said the cartel's ability to shut down multiple towns highlighted shortcomings in the gov-



In this photo released by the Colombian Presidential Press Office, police escort Dairo Antonio Usuga, center, also known as "Otoniel," leader of the violent Clan del Golfo cartel prior to his extradition to the U.S., at a military airport in Bogota, Colombia, Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Associated Press

ernment's long fight against drug trafficking groups.

"The security strategy of focusing on high profile targets does not guarantee security for civilians," said Elizabeth Dickinson, a senior analyst at the International Crisis Group.

Camilo Gonzalez, the president of Colombian think tank Indepaz, said: "Drug trafficking will not end with the capture of Otoniel. When they captured Pablo Escobar they said drug trafficking would be over, and today there is more of it

than back then."

According to Colombia's Ministry of Defense, three civilians and three police officers were killed during the four days of the shut-down and more than 180 cars were burned for apparently violating the cartel's order, mostly on rural highways.

Even worse numbers were reported by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, a tribunal created following the 2016 peace deal between the Colombian government and the Revo-

lutionary Armed Forces of Colombia rebel group.

The tribunal said 24 civilians were slain in areas covered by the Gulf Clan's stoppage, which it said forced people to stay home in 138 municipalities in the northern provinces of Choco, Sucre, Bolivar, Antioquia and Cordoba.

In Monteria, a provincial capital of almost 500,000 residents, commerce shut down for four days and the local gas company stopped delivering cylinders to homes. A soc-

cer match between local team Jaguares and a club from Medellin was suspended Sunday because the visitors refused to travel to Monteria in fear their bus would be attacked by cartel enforcers.

The Gulf Clan, which also calls itself the Gaitanista Self Defense Forces of Colombia, was founded in the first decade of this century by leaders of paramilitary groups that refused to join a demobilization agreement in which other groups took part.

Otoniel, the Gulf Clan's most recent leader, had long been a fixture on the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's most-wanted list.

He was first indicted in 2009 in Manhattan federal court on narcotics charges and for allegedly assisting a far right paramilitary group designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S. government. Later indictments in Brooklyn and Miami federal courts accused him of smuggling at least 73 metric tons of cocaine into the United States between 2003 and 2014.

Colombian authorities have sought to play down the cartel's stoppage, saying they deployed 52,000 soldiers to ensure the security of civilians in the affected areas. □

Putin urges stronger action to prevent wildfires

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin urged authorities on Tuesday to take stronger action to prevent wildfires and increase coordination between various official agencies in dealing with them.

Speaking in a video call with federal and regional officials, Putin emphasized that wildfires that hit Russia last year were the biggest in years and asked local governors to report on measures that were taken to increase fire safety across the country.

He noted that a series of wildfires already spread across several regions.

"We can't allow a repeat of the last year's situation," Putin said. "We need to combat fires in a more efficient, systemic and consistent way."

He reaffirmed the importance of forests for dealing with global warming, noting that "large-scale wildfires undermine our climate protection efforts."

"This issue is of principal importance for our country and the entire world," he said. In recent years, Russia has recorded high temperatures that many scientists regard as a clear result of climate change. The hot weather, coupled with the neglect of fire safety

rules, has caused a growing number of wildfires that authorities say have consumed more than 17 million hectares (42 million acres) last year in Russia.

Russian experts decried a 2007 decision to disband a federal aviation network tasked to spot and combat fires and turn over its assets to regional authorities. The much-criticized transfer led to the force's rapid decline. The government later reversed the move and reestablished the federal agency in charge of monitoring forests from the air. However, its resources remain limited, making it hard to survey the massive forests



In this handout photo taken from video released by Russian Emergency Ministry Press Service on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, a firefighter works at the scene of a forest fire in Kurgan region, Russia.

Associated Press

of Siberia and the Far East. The authorities responded to last year's fires by beefing up monitoring assets

and rapid response forces. The Kremlin has ordered to earmark additional funds for combating the blazes. □



Workation?

Get your **Prepaid Wireless Broadband** and stay connected everywhere in Aruba!!!



Law restriction on the use of tobacco products

ORANJESTAD - The "National Ordinance Restriction Tobacco Products (AB 2016 no.41)" will come into effect in Aruba from May 2, 2022.

This law was passed unanimously in the Parliament of Aruba on October 26, 2021. This law prohibits the sale, use, or work in the immediate vicinity where tobacco products are for sale.

In connection with the national prevention plan, the Ministry of Health and the Department of Public Health worked to improve the community's quality of life and health.

This law is an essential part of the national prevention plan.

Smoking is not only harmful

to those who smoke (13% of the population), but also to persons around these smokers (passive smokers).

Article 2: Smoking ban in publicly accessible areas or buildings.

This prohibition applies to schools, recreation areas, dining rooms with terraces, and even at bus stops. It is prohibited to smoke on terraces, due to their proximity to buildings.

Article 2 contains some exceptions, such as parking lots, palapas, the beach, or areas without walls and/or roofs, where this smoking ban does not apply.

The enforcement of this law is in the hands of the Department for Goods Inspection and Hygiene (DWH), which can issue

finest for violating this law.

Section 2A: In the Tobacco Act, persons under 21 are considered minors.

Paragraph 1: It is prohibited to smoke in a private motor vehicle if minors are present. The police will control compliance with the law. Failure to comply with this law runs the risk of a fine. It should protect the passive smokers per the rights of children to protection.

Paragraph 2: It is prohibited for minors to work in locations where tobacco products are for sale. Minors are allowed to work in supermarkets. However, they are not allowed to work in the designated sections of tobacco products. All shops must have a dedicated



point of sale for tobacco products, as is already the case for products containing alcohol. The Department for

The Department of Goods Inspection and Hygiene (DWH) also enforces this law. You will get a fine for not complying with the law. This article is to prevent young people from using

tobacco products or smoking at a young age.

The Aruban community can become healthier, but this takes responsibility and dedication to take better care of ourselves, eat healthier, and be more active. Be aware that tobacco products are dangerous for your health. We're going to make it together. □

COVID TESTING MADE EASY!

At the Paseo Herencia Mall

LOCATION
Paseo Herencia Mall next to TGIF

ANTIGEN
Approved for re-entry to the U.S.

ANTIGEN \$35
Same day results

PCR \$75
Next day results

VERY gentle swabbers

JUST WALK IN!
No appointment needed.

OPEN DAILY FROM 9AM - 9PM

Starting the 11th of May there will be changes in the prijs for petroleum products



Oranjestad - The Minister of Economic Affairs, Communication and Sustainable Development has announced that there will be changes in the price of petroleum products starting the 11th of May of this year.

The change in prices of petroleum products will be as follows; Gasoline unleaded-premium will see a de-

crease of 2,0 cents, making the total price 289,0 cents per litre. Diesel LS will see an increase of 14,5 cents, bringing the total price up to 289,0 cents per litre, and Kerosin will see an increase of 21,8 cents which will bring up the total price to 275,6 cents per litre.

These prices include BBO, BAZV and BAVP. □

Infini by Chef Urvin Croes

PALM BEACH — After spearheading The Kitchen Table for five years, receiving notable recognitions in USA Today, The Daily Meal and earning the #1 spot on Tripadvisor's list of Fine Dining Restaurants in the Caribbean, Chef Urvin Croes has now moved on to higher heights. Infini, his new chef's table, which opened at the Blue Residences in 2020, allows the Michelin-trained Aruban culinary artist to create gastronomic experiences unconfined by cultural or regional expectations. The former The Kitchen Table space has since been renovated into a suitable culinary studio to host this vision. In describing these changes, Croes says: "We opened up the entire kitchen and elevated the dining tables so guests have a front row stadium-like view of each step of the preparations. A chef's table concept where diners and staff are able to interact throughout the evening, channeling through a story guided by the menu."

"It is a flavor that you cannot define, but you can create."

Inspired by umami, one of the five basic tastes, and also Japanese for "essence of deliciousness", Chef Croes strived to organically produce this palate in each dish of the eight-course Chef's Impression. "It is a flavor that you cannot define, but you can create. Take our popular langoustine for example; we combined elements that are rarely paired together: the bitter, sour and salty flavors of the lemon cream, kombucha, green grapes, watercress and achiote, fused with the sweet and delicate taste of the langoustine induce ultimate umami."

"Without a great team, there is no great chef"

"There is very little I can do by myself. Without a great team, there is no great chef", says Croes, while raving about the young professionals sharing his kitchen. All graduates of Aruba's EPI College and familiar faces to the Chef as each one has completed their culinary inter-

infini
by Urvin Croes

ship under his guidance. In fact, Infini's Chef de Cuisine, Ashwin Maduro, was Urvin's very first student, before relocating to Amsterdam, where he worked at several Michelin-starred restaurants, including &moshik (formally &Samhoud Places). Having recently returned to Aruba, Chef Maduro is thrilled to be reunited with his first mentor and hopes to secure Aruba's space on the global map of unique culinary experiences. Similarly, after four years working in the two-Michelin starred restaurant Spectrum, Chef de Partie Moises Ramirez returned home to share his vast experience in formulating recipes with meticulous attention to detail and consistency. Further down the kitchen line, Chef de Partie Alvaro Yi, who has worked at the two-Michelin starred FG Restaurant, is all about expressing himself through cooking and plating to create art that you can eat. Mixologist Marc-Anthony Rannis brings eight years of experience in the fine dining industry to Infini. His fine craftsmanship is displayed in the unparalleled wine pairings and signature cocktails, which include his personally homemade syrups, garnishes and fresh local ingredients. Maître D' and Junior Sommelier Jessica Theysen, who previously managed renowned Chef Dennis Huwaë's Restaurant Daalder in Amsterdam, is a true storyteller. From the moment she serves the Salinity welcome drink and the culinary tale begins, she takes you on an adventure around the world to discover never-before-tasted combinations. Then, towards the end of the night, it is his time to shine — Pastry Chef Jean-Claude Werleman, that is. After spending the last two years perfecting his recipes in the Pastry Department of the Ritz Carlton Aruba, Werleman joins Infini to continue exploring his passion for experimenting with colors and bold flavors.

"It's time to show that Aruba is a culinary destination of its own"

"The goal is to leave our visitors speechless. The look on their faces whenever they take the first bite says it all and it is priceless", shares Croes, with a smile. Reclaiming the spot of number one restaurant in the Caribbean is also in sight, but this time he will not stop there. "In the end, we want Aruba to be recognized for its culinary mastery. We have trained the best culinary artists right here on the island and they have proven them-



selves internationally in the most renowned kitchens in the world. Now it is time to show that Aruba is a culinary destination of its own. Who knows where that will take us; hopefully to infinity and beyond."

Infini located at Blue Residences currently serves an eight-course Chef's Impression to up to 21 guests starting at 6:30PM. To make reservations visit www.infiniaruba.com or call +297-699-3982. □



infini
by Urvin Croes

Welcome at our table

Step inside our meticulously designed Chef's Table restaurant, located on scenic Eagle Beach, for a 12-course menu prepared in front of your very own eyes.

Taste sensational dishes made by the team led by Chef Urvin Croes, where they explore without boundaries and offer a dining experience you will never forget.

Let us take you on a culinary journey

Chef Urvin Croes

www.infiniaruba.com



Article by Etnia Nativa

WhatsApp us 592 2702 and book your Aruban experience!
Etnia Nativa is close to high rise Hotels



Our Beloved Rock

Episode CLIII - 153

Etnia Nativa facilitates cultural awareness, education and safeguards Aruba's heritage by elevating each reader into an island keeper state of mind. Be encouraged to discover in every episode the true native effect, live it, get more reasons to love Aruba behind the beaches and live up your stay in an incredibly wonderful way.

Our island is a tiny tourist destination with a fragile ecosystem but thousands of years of history but for us "the native people" Aruba is our beloved rock or "Nos Baranca Stimá" in our local language Papiamentu.

Yes, you read that right: this small island has thousands of years of history since approximately 2,500 or 3,000 years ago, agro-potters from the Amazon-Orinoco river basins began their journey to our region, some by land, others by through the rivers and settled along the Atlantic coast, gradually entering the open sea perfecting their canoes and thus reaching the Caribbean Sea.

These were agro-pottery, Arawak-speaking rainforest hunters and farmers who colonized the northern and coastal areas of the South American continent, including almost all the islands of the Caribbean Sea. They displaced the former Paleolithic people who presided them. During the Paleolithic era, these islands, including Aruba, were covered with vegetation, Prosopis forests and the coastline had a dense mangrove jungle. Aruba was an island that provided abundant hunting and fishing possibilities.

It was these first agro-potter inhabitants who had introduced an agricultural technique of slash-and-burn tropical forests farming. Method known as land clearing for agricultural purposes, associated with the cultivation of roots and tubers such as cassava, yams, sweet potatoes and some varieties of bananas and plantains etc. There were also many seeds that could be ground



into flour for the production of their main staple such as arepas, cachapas and ayacas, pan bati, funchi etc.

These Arubans, the descendants of tropical forests farmers of South American who reached our islands, who became the legendary Caquetio tribe.

It was the Caquetios who received the Spaniards upon their arrival, who by then had already constituted an organized society that responded to the main chief or cacique who lived on Aruba and the mainland. The story mentions his frequent visits to this part of his

territorial influence, (our episode 143).

The Caquetios had a sociocultural units based on kinship and structured according to age and sex, without many economic, political or religious reasons for the differentiation of social status. Social controls were based on inheritance rights and obligations except in cases of military activities that were under the temporary leadership of special chiefs.

Their well of technology and agricultural surplus productions allowed the villages to remain in the same place for many years. They were sustained by a more adequate and reliable food supply, including potatoes beans, peanuts tail corn, maize, squash, cassava, vegetables and fruits, as well as the riches of the mangrove forests and the Caribbean Sea. Our beloved Rock is how the Caquetios referred to Aruba in their language. If you love Aruba its origins and its cultural heritage, be part of the exclusive visitors of Etnia Nativa: a cozy museum/home.□

Etnia Nativa a private residential houses collections of native art, archaeological artifacts and historic furniture, while the facilities themselves are the result of the transformation of recycled materials.

Meet Anthony Croes, our columnist at his home! Book your visit Whatsapp + 297 592 2702- or mail: etnianativa03@gmail.com



As gas prices hit record, here's how to get better mileage

By **TOM KRISHER**
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — The dollars-and-cents counter on the gas pump seems to be spinning faster these days with U.S. prices hitting another record high on Tuesday.

The average price for a gallon of regular unleaded hit \$4.37, according to AAA, 17 cents higher than just a week ago. Last year at this time it was just \$2.97 per gallon. Crude oil prices already were high largely because many countries are refusing to buy Russian oil due to the invasion of Ukraine. And now we're heading into peak driving season and demand is up. That means the cost to pump 15 gallons into a vehicle is now a whopping \$65.55. Four fill-ups per month would cost more than \$260, a big chunk out of just about anyone's budget.

With gas prices that high, owners may be thinking about replacing their older vehicles with something more efficient. But that may not be cost effective. The global shortage of computer chips and other parts has cut into production of new vehicles, driving prices up. That sent many people into the used car market,



Gasoline prices are displayed at a gas station in Vernon Hills, Ill., Friday, April 1, 2022.

Associated Press

also pushing up prices.

The average used vehicle cost \$31,218 last month. The average new one? \$45,341, according to Edmunds.com.

Generally, comparable electric vehicles are even more expensive than gasoline-fueled ones, though charging the battery is typically much cheaper.

All is not necessarily lost. There are steps you can take to make an old car, truck or SUV perform better, go farther and perhaps save some money on fuel:

— Make sure there's enough air in the tires. Underinflated tires create more rolling resistance with the pavement, thereby reducing gas mileage. Inflate your tires to the pressure recommended on the inside of your driver's side door. Check them periodically with a tire pressure gauge. "Typically, your gas mileage is going to be impacted by about 5% to 10% if you don't have proper inflation," said David Bennett, manager of repair systems for AAA. But don't over-inflate. Doing so

could cause tires to wear out more quickly.

— Properly maintain your vehicle. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for oil and other fluid changes and for replacing air and other filters. Replacing spark plugs at the proper intervals can help, too. "The vehicle is going to operate at its peak efficiency" with good maintenance, Bennett said. It will cost between \$235 and \$289 for new spark plugs on, say, a 10-year-old Ford F-150 pickup with a 4.6-liter V8, ac-

cording to Repairpal.com.

— Watch your speed. AAA says fuel economy peaks around 50 miles per hour on most vehicles, then drops as speed rises. Reducing highway speeds by 5 mph (8 kilometers per hour) to 10 mph improves gas mileage by up to 14%.

— Plan your route in advance. Try to minimize backtracking. Do multiple tasks on each trip. Avoid rush hours and other peak travel times.

— Don't idle too much. An engine burns one-quarter to a half-gallon (1.9 liters) of gas per hour when idling, but a warm engine needs only around 10 seconds worth of fuel to restart, according to AAA. So when safely possible, shut your engine off if you'll be stopped for more than a minute. Many new vehicles do this on their own. Bennett says owners shouldn't disable their new "stop-start" system.

— Coast to stop lights. Time your travel to keep rolling and avoid unnecessary stops. Cars consume a lot of fuel to get moving from a dead stop.

— Fill up with gasoline designated as "Top Tier." Oil companies put additives in Top Tier gas that cuts carbon deposits. □

Sony's profit surges on healthy film, game, music growth

By **YURI KAGEYAMA**
AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Sony's fiscal fourth quarter surged 67% to 111.1 billion yen (\$852.7 million) from the previous year, as the Japanese entertainment and electronics company racked up profits in video game and movie divisions.

Tokyo-based Sony Corp.'s January-March quarterly sales edged up 1% to 2.26 trillion yen (\$17 billion), as its music operations also did well, boosted by the popularity of streaming services, the company said Tuesday. For the full fiscal year ended in March, Sony racked up a profit of 882 billion yen (\$6.8 billion), down 14% despite the success of "Spider-Man:

No Way Home," which contributed to theatrical revenue.

Sales in its TV division also grew from the licensing income of "Seinfeld" and other titles, Sony said.

Sony CFO Hiroki Totoki told reporters income from movie theaters was returning lately to levels recorded prior to the coronavirus pandemic, which brought on restrictions around the world to curb the spread of infections.

By reshaping its product lineup, profits improved in TVs and digital cameras, overcoming supply challenges that came from disruptions brought on by COVID-19, Totoki said. But several months may be need-

ed to get over the new supply problems stemming from the recent restrictions in China, he added.

The reversal of a previous write-down of deferred tax assets last fiscal year also helped send the latest annual profit lower due to the absence of the tax-reduction perk.

Sales for the fiscal year through March 2023 are expected to benefit from the declining yen that will come on top of the expected growth in content sales. The dollar was trading at 116 yen, up from nearly 106 yen the previous year, according to Sony.

Sales were also boosted by Sony's acquisition of Crunchyroll, which streams



A woman walks at the headquarters of Sony Corp. Tuesday, May 10, 2022, in Tokyo.

Associated Press

animation. Sony has also recently been banking on the metaverse, the immersive virtual world, where it faces rivals like Facebook, or Meta.

Sony, which also makes TVs and portable digital music players, expects to post a profit of 830 billion yen (\$6.4 billion) for the fiscal year through March 2023. □

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Mixologist
- 7 Relaxing places
- 11 Sigh, say
- 12 Sledding site
- 13 Crystal-filled stones
- 14 Spot
- 15 Black-mail
- 17 Baby's call
- 20 Unrefined
- 23 Stretch of years
- 24 Be eco-friendly
- 26 Peculiarity
- 27 Outback bird
- 28 Shade
- 29 Power plant part
- 31 Squid's squirt
- 32 More mature
- 33 Runs for health
- 34 Incite
- 37 Catcher's place
- 39 Approaching
- 43 Verdi piece
- 44 Aviator Earhart
- 45 Diner buy
- 46 Common greetings

DOWN

- 1 Entreat

DELTA	SABLE
OCEAN	PROUD
TRACK	RECORD
SUN	LAD SKY
JOKES	PIXEL
ALEX	ZERO
RENEW	SEDAN
DARES	
ABS	ROE GAS
RECORD	TRACK
IN	AWE HENRI
ADMEN	EDGED

Yesterday's answer

- | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Forest tool | 19 Popular nut | 35 Provo's state |
| 3 Letter after pi | 21 Sus-pended | 36 One or more |
| 5 Trebek of "Jeopardy!" | 24 Fashionably dated | 38 Bauxite, e.g. |
| 6 High home | 25 Moody music | 40 Completely |
| 7 After-dinner wine | 30 Breakfast choice | 41 Carnival city |
| 8 Popular nut | 33 Setting filler | 42 German articles |
| 9 The Matter-horn, e.g. | | |
| 10 Cunning | | |
| 16 Take place | | |
| 17 Paris subway | | |
| 18 "The Tempest" sprite | | |

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11						12			
13						14			
		15			16				
17	18	19			20			21	22
23			24	25					
26			27			28			
29		30				31			
32					33				
	34			35	36				
37	38			39		40	41	42	
43				44					
45				46					

5-11

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

5-11

CRYPTOQUOTE

EV VGOFX IN MNHEVEYGH
KFGH VN TEPF MFNMHF
BQFFKNW. EV VGOFX IN XLQPER
VN QFWNPF QFMQFXXENI.

— AGQPER WEHO

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: BE MINDFUL OF MEASURING YOURSELF BY HOW MUCH YOU DO FOR OTHER PEOPLE. IT'S NOT YOUR JOB TO BE A SAVIOR. — MECCA WOODS

Earth given 50-50 chance of hitting key warming mark by 2026



A man and a boy walk across the almost dried up bed of river Yamuna following hot weather in New Delhi, India, Monday, May 2, 2022.

Associated Press

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

The world is creeping closer to the warming threshold international agreements are trying to prevent, with nearly a 50-50 chance that Earth will temporarily hit that temperature mark within the next five years, teams of meteorologists across the globe predicted.

With human-made climate change continuing, there's a 48% chance that the globe will reach a yearly average of 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial levels of the late 1800s at least once between now and 2026, a bright red signal in climate change negotiations and science, a team of 11 different forecast centers predicted for the World Meteorological Organization late Monday. The odds are inching up along with the thermometer. Last year, the same forecasters put the odds at closer to 40% and a decade ago it was only 10%. The team, coordinated by the United Kingdom's Meteorological Office, in their five-year general outlook said there is a 93% chance that the world will set a record for hottest year by the end of 2026. They also said there's a 93% chance that the five years from 2022 to 2026 will be the hottest on record. Forecasters also predict the devastating fire-prone megadrought in the U.S. Southwest will keep going. "We're going to see continued warming in line

with what is expected with climate change," said UK Met Office senior scientist Leon Hermanson, who coordinated the report.

These forecasts are big picture global and regional climate predictions on a yearly and seasonal time scale based on long term averages and state of the art computer simulations. They are different than increasingly accurate weather forecasts that predict how hot or wet a certain day will be in specific places.

But even if the world hits that mark of 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial times — the globe has already warmed about 1.1 degrees (2 degrees Fahrenheit) since the late 1800s — that's not quite the same as the global threshold first set by international negotiators in the 2015 Paris agreement. In 2018, a major United Nations science report predicted dramatic and dangerous effects on people and the world if warming exceeds 1.5 degrees.

The global 1.5 degree threshold is about the world being that warm not for one year, but over a 20- or 30- year time period, several scientists said. This is not what the report predicts. Meteorologists can only tell if Earth hits that average mark years, maybe a decade or two, after it is actually reached there because it is a long term average, Hermanson said.

"This is a warning of what will be just average in a few years," said Cornell Univer-

sity climate scientist Natalie Mahowald, who wasn't part of the forecast teams. The prediction makes sense given how warm the world already is and an additional tenth of a degree Celsius (nearly two-tenths of a degree Fahrenheit) is expected because of human-caused climate change in the next five years, said climate scientist Zeke Hausfather of the tech company Stripe and Berkeley Earth, who wasn't part of the forecast teams. Add to that the likelihood of a strong El Nino — the natural periodic warming of parts of the Pacific that alter world weather — which could toss another couple tenths of a degree on top temporarily and the world gets to 1.5 degrees.

The world is in the second straight year of a La Nina, the opposite of El Nino, which has a slight global cooling effect but isn't enough to counter the overall warming of heat-trapping gases spewed by the burning of coal, oil and natural gas, scientists said. The five-year forecast says that La Nina is likely to end late this year or in 2023.

The greenhouse effect from fossil fuels is like putting global temperatures on a rising escalator. El Nino, La Nina and a handful of other natural weather variations are like taking steps up or down on that escalator, scientists said.

On a regional scale, the Arctic will still be warming during the winter at rate three times more than the globe on average. While the American Southwest and southwestern Europe are likely to be drier than normal the next five years, wetter than normal conditions are expected for Africa's often arid Sahel region, northern Europe, northeast Brazil and Australia, the report predicted.

The global team has been making these predictions informally for a decade and formally for about five years, with greater than 90% accuracy, Hermanson said. □

Classifieds

HTTA

Marriott Surf Club
Palm Beach
Gold Season
2 Bedroom , 2 Bath
Ocean View
Price : \$ 9 K
Call : 011-297-630-1307
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

HTTA

Marriott Ocean Club
Palm Beach
Gold Season
1 Bedroom 1 Bath
Ocean view
Price : 6 K
Call :011-297-630-1307
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

HTTA

Aruba Divi Phoenix
Palm Beach
1 Bedroom 2 Bath
Week 18 and 19
Room # 650 pool/ocean view
29 weeks remain each
Price : \$9 K each
Call :011-297-630-1307
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

HTTA

Tierra Del Sol
Arachi beach wespunt
3 Bedroom 2 1/2 Bath
Ocean view with Garage
Fully furnished
Price :\$475 K
Call:011-297-630-1307
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

HTTA

House at Palm Beach
3 Bedroom 2 bath
With a studio apartment
5 min walk to beach
Top location
Price : \$ 550 K
Call : 011-297-630-1307

HTTA

Le Vent
Eagle Beach
3 Bedroom , 3 Bath
Ground floor across one
Of the most buetyfull beach
In the World
Price : \$ 900 K
Call :011-297-630-1307
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

HTTA

Gold Coast
West punt Arachi beach
Town House
3 Bedroom ,3 Bath
Fully Furnished
Price :\$450 K
Call : 011-297-630-1307
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

EA Sports and FIFA end partnership, both eye new video games



FIFA President Gianni Infantino speaks during an interview conducted with The Associated Press in Doha, Qatar, March 29, 2022.

Associated Press

ZURICH (AP) — Electronic Arts will stop making its hugely successful FIFA video game in its current name, marking a split in one of soccer's most successful and lucrative partnerships after the sides failed to strike a new licensing deal.

Instead, the California company said Tuesday that EA Sports FC will be introduced from 2023 after

it creates the final game in partnership with FIFA later this year.

Licensing rights for the game earn FIFA about \$150 million annually — the single biggest commercial earner in its expected \$7 billion total revenue from 2019-2022 — though FIFA struck a defiant tone in a statement published hours after the announcement of losing that income.

FIFA promised a "number of new non-simulation games (that) are already under production" and will launch ahead of the 2022 World Cup that kicks off in Qatar in November.

FIFA said it plans to create a "new gaming model" and cited the recent launch of its streaming service FIFA+. "I can assure you that the only authentic, real game that has the FIFA name will be the best one available for gamers and football fans," FIFA president Gianni Infantino said in the statement.

EA has been producing a FIFA game for nearly 30 years and its fond association with tens of millions of gamers worldwide helped the Zurich-based organization's brand when it was tarnished amid a wave of arrests of soccer officials in 2015. For generations of young people, FIFA has means a video game rather than a sports institution. □

Time Share Resales + Realty

Own or Rent a piece of the Rock
For up to 70 % Off stay @5 Star Resort
* All inventory available
Visit our website :
www.halleytimetravelaruba.com
For more info call:(297) 630-1307
johnnypaesch@gmail.com
also visit(new):
www.halleyadventures.com

TODAY
BONDIA

How to reach us!

Downtown



HEALTH

DOCTOR ON DUTY

Oranjestad

Hospital 7:00 pm / 10:00pm
Tel. 527 4000

San Nicolas

Imsan 24 hours
Tel.524 8833

PHARMACY ON DUTY

Oranjestad:

Paradera Tel. 588 6638

San Nicolas:

Centro Medico Tel. 584 5794

OTHER

Dental Clinic 587 9850
Blood Bank Aruba 587 0002
Urgent Care 586 0448
Walk-In Doctor's Clinic
+297 588 0539

EMERGENCY

Police	100
Oranjestad	527 3140
Noord	527 3200
Sta. Cruz	527 2900
San Nicolas	584 5000
Police Tipline	11141
Ambulancia	911
Fire Dept.	115
Red Cross	582 2219

TAXI SERVICES

Taxi Tas	587 5900
Prof. Taxi	588 0035
Taxi D.T.S.	587 2300
Taxi Serv. Aruba	583 3232
A1 Taxi Serv.	280 2828

TRAVEL INFO

Aruba Airport	524 2424
American Airlines	582 2700
Avianca	588 0059
Jet Blue	588 2244
Surinam	582 7896

AID FOUNDATIONS

FAVI- Visually Impaired
Tel. 582 5051

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tel. 736 2952

Narcotics Anonymous
Tel. 583 8989

Fundacion Contra Violencia Relacional Tel. 583 5400

Centre for Diabetes
Tel. 524 8888

Child Abuse Prevention
Tel. 582 4433

Quota Club Tel. 525 2672

General Info

Phone Directory Tel. 118

Like
us on
Facebook

facebook.com/arubatoday/

Summer Preview: Daisy Edgar-Jones takes on 'Crawdads'

By **LINDSEY BAHR**
AP Film Writer

Good things seem to happen to Daisy Edgar-Jones while she's busy doing something else. Her breakout role as Marianne in the popular Hulu miniseries "Normal People" came about while she was on another production. She read the book in between takes and filmed her audition on set.

Several years later, she was on that same set when she found out that she had a shot at starring in the big screen adaptation of Delia Owens' "Where the Crawdads Sing" (in theaters July 15).

"It was so wild to me that they were thinking of me for it," Edgar-Jones said last week from London. "I think I was surprised to be in consideration considering the popularity of the book and just how important it was." "Where the Crawdads Sing" is about a girl named Kya who grows up alone in the marshes of North Carolina after her family abandons her. The story follows Kya from her childhood in the 1950s to adulthood as she navigates romances, ostracization from the townspeople — which only intensifies when one of her suitors is found dead and she's brought to court — and finding her own path and purpose.

Written by a debut novelist, a retired scientist in her 70s, "Where the Crawdads



This image released by Sony Pictures shows Daisy Edgar-Jones in a scene from "Where the Crawdads Sing."

Associated Press

Sing" became an unlikely phenomenon thanks at least in part to actor Reese Witherspoon, who selected it for her book club in 2018. Witherspoon and longtime film executive Elizabeth Gabler, who has been behind adaptations from "The Devil Wears Prada" to "Hidden Figures," acquired the rights to produce a feature film for Sony Pictures. Since coming out in 2018, "Where the Crawdads Sing" has sold over 12 million copies and spent 150 weeks on the best seller list.

Edgar-Jones read the book in a day and was captivated.

"It's a thriller. It's a courtroom drama. It's a survival story.

It's a love story. It's a love letter to nature. It's so many things," Edgar-Jones said. "Something I really took away from it is a newfound appreciation for the wild and how much kindness can affect somebody's life. Kya is taught to read by Tate and that's a real turning point in her life, it means she's able to make a life for herself. In a subtle way, you know, it does really sort of celebrate education."

A friend, the same one who filmed her "Normal People" audition, helped put her on tape and sent it in. As the story goes, she was offered the part the next day.

"He's my lucky charm," she said. "I think I owe my entire

career to him."

She found herself relating to the "marsh girl" in unexpected ways. There was the loneliness and isolation of COVID-19 quarantines, but also a newfound appreciation for her surroundings.

"We were allowed one daily walk and suddenly I was introduced to little parks and things in my area that I just hadn't had time to experience," she said. "The story is so much about reconnecting with a love of nature that I think we often kind of take for granted."

To prepare, she learned how to boat and fish and even took some drawing lessons. But, she laughed,

she "cannot take any credit for the beautiful drawings in the film." And, of course, she worked with a vocal coach to transform her English accent into Kya's southern lilt from age 15 through 40.

Before filming started, Owens told her not to worry and to just do her best.

"It's a lot of pressure. I wanted to get it right," Edgar-Jones said. "She was really generous in that way."

The cast includes both veterans, like David Strathairn as her lawyer, and up-and-comers, like Harris Dickinson (Chase) and Taylor John Smith (Tate).

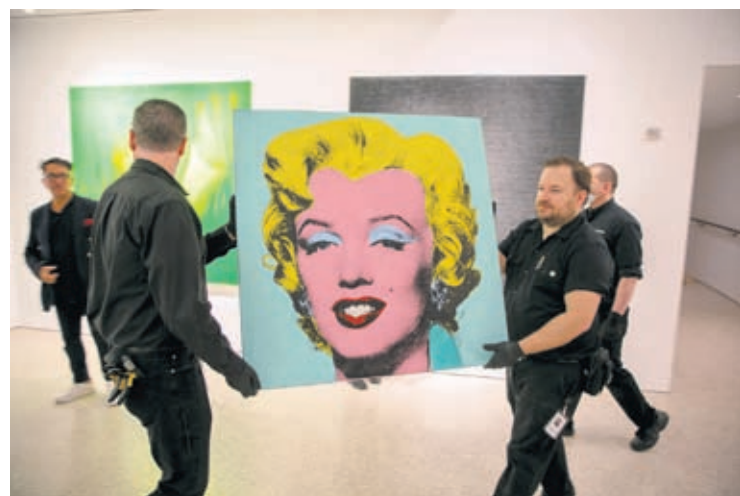
Lucy Alibar, the Oscar-nominated screenwriter of "Beasts of the Southern Wild," adapted Owens' novel and Olivia Newman, the director of the festival circuit darling "First Match," was enlisted to direct.

"(Olivia's) such a sensitive director," Edgar-Jones said. "She has imbued the story with a lyricism and a fairy tale quality that's so beautiful." The "Crawdads" team is full of women, too, from the producers to the director of photography.

"It was just really, really refreshing to see so many women behind the camera," she said. "I found that incredibly inspiring."

Nothing could have prepared her for the beauty, and chaos, of the New Orleans shoot in the late spring early summer of 2021, though. □

Warhol's 'Marilyn' auction nabs \$195M; most for U.S. artist



The 1964 painting Shot Sage Blue Marilyn by Andy Warhol is carried in Christie's showroom in New York City on Sunday, May 8, 2022.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Warhol's "Shot Sage Blue Marilyn" sold for a cool \$195 million on Monday, making the iconic portrait of Marilyn Monroe the most expensive work by a U.S. artist ever sold at auction.

The 1964 silkscreen image shows Monroe in vibrant close-up — hair yellow, eye-shadow blue and lips red — on a rich blue background. It's also the most expensive piece from the 20th century ever auctioned, according to Christie's auction house in New York, where the sale took place.

The Warhol sale unseated the previous record holder and another modern master, Jean-Michel Basquiat, whose 1982 painting "Untitled" of a skull-like face sold for a record \$110.5 million at Sotheby's in 2017.

Christie's said an unnamed buyer made the purchase Monday night. When the auction was announced earlier this year, they estimated it could go for as much as \$200 million.

"It's an amazing price," said Alex Rotter, chairman of Christie's 20th and 21st century art department. "Let it

sink in, it's quite something." "This is where we wanted to be, clearly," said Guillaume Cerutti, CEO of Christie's. "It proves we are in a very resilient art market."

The proceeds of the sale will go to the Thomas and Doris Ammann Foundation Zurich, which put the painting up for auction. The foundation aims to help children with health care and educational programs.

Warhol created more than one image of Monroe; this particular painting has been exhibited in museums around the world. □

Column: PGA Championship delivers strongest field for majors

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Even if Lanto Griffin was thinking only about the next shot, his 32 over the final nine holes of the Wells Fargo Championship made him the last man to qualify for the PGA Championship. Maybe.

It's hard to tell with the PGA of America, which lacks the transparency of the other majors but makes amends by delivering the strongest field every year.

When the final field was announced Monday — one of the 156 spots is set aside for the winner of the AT&T Byron Nelson if he's not already eligible — the PGA Championship was assured of having the top 100 players in the world, provided they all play.

Defending champion Phil Mickelson is still on the list, though that's not breaking news. While out of public view since he managed to offend the PGA Tour and the Saudi-funded rival league he's been promoting, there's been no official word whether Lefty will be at Southern Hills next week. More promising are the prospects of Tiger Woods, the last winner at Southern Hills. And still listed somewhere between "questionable" and "doubtful" if golf had an injury report is Bryson DeChambeau, who only last week had stitches removed after surgery on his left hand.

No one doubts the PGA Championship has the strongest field, even with three past champions tied for last in the world ranking, and 20 professionals who spend more hours running their golf clubs than grinding on their short games. It's how it arrives at its field that remains a mystery.

The goal is to have the top 100 in the world. It just doesn't say that anywhere in the criteria.

There are places for major champions, top finishers from last year's PGA Championship, PGA Tour winners over the last year, recent Ryder Cup players still in the top 100 and a PGA Tour money list from the last 12 months.



Lanto Griffin hits from a bunker on the 17th fairway during the first round of play in the Players Championship golf tournament, Thursday, March 10, 2022, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

And then there are "special exemptions."

One of these days, the PGA of America will get around to calling it what it is: a category to fill the field with the top 100 players in the world who aren't already in.

Kerry Haigh, the chief championships officer for the PGA of America, tipped his hand last year when 99 of the top 100 — Matthew Wolff was missing — played at Kiawah Island.

"It's something we pride ourselves on at the PGA Championship, that we have the strongest field as measured by the Official World Golf Ranking," Haigh said.

The special exemptions are not only about the world ranking. Henrik Stenson and Zach Johnson received exemptions, just like current Ryder Cup captains before them. Billy Horschel was among those who received an exemption before the PGA points list (money list) was finalized.

That takes us back to Griffin.

He was 82nd on the PGA

points list (the top 70 qualify) and No. 107 in the world ranking a week ago. Griffin was in a five-way tie for 19th going into the final round Sunday and shot 67 for a three-way tie for sixth. That moved him to No. 96 in the world, and the difference of \$193,140 put him at No. 74 in PGA points.

According to the final category, the PGA points list is used to fill the field. Griffin was first in line for that, while also being among the top 100 in the ranking. Without that 67, he would have been outside of both lists.

Most curious about this year's use of "special exemptions" is the PGA of America went well beyond the top 100 in the world. That was to protect against

someone moving into the top 100 after this week.

Added were Daniel van Tonder (103) and Justin Harding (104) of South Africa, Ryan Fox (106) of New Zealand, Laurie Canter (107) and Sam Horsfield (110) of England and Kazuki Higa (112) of Japan. All but Harding and Canter are playing their respective tours this week and would have a chance to crack the top 100.

Taking them meant passing over players beyond 70th on the PGA points list — Brendan Steele, Beau Hossler, Kramer Hickok, Charl Schwartzel, Adam Schenk, Russell Knox and Scott Stallings.

Then again, as PGA Tour members they had ample opportunity to qualify.

The surprise was skipping in the world ranking Adrian Meronk (113) — he would have been the first Polish player in PGA Championship history — and Joel Dahmen (114) to offer an exemption to Bio Kim, who won last week on the Asian Tour.

It was Kim's first win since the Korea Golf Association suspended him one year (down from the original three-year ban) for flipping off the crowd after a phone camera went off during his swing in the final round of a tournament he won.

For those who missed out, the ball was always in their hands, as it was for Griffin. No one ever shows up at a major and notices who didn't qualify. All the right players are there, even if some U.S. fans don't know much about them.

Perhaps that's only fitting. Go back to the 1970s and '80s, the PGA Championship felt like a closed shop to international players. Sam Torrance won 14 times on the European Tour and played in five Ryder Cups before his first appearance in the PGA Championship. Mark James won 13 times and played in four Ryder Cups before he got into the PGA.

"No problem with that. It's just the way it was," Torrance said Monday night in a text message.

The PGA Championship a decade ago briefly considered the notion of being played overseas. Now the world is coming to the PGA, just like the other majors.

Twenty-five players are not PGA Tour members. Throw out the club pros and Americans comprise roughly 46% of the field.

That's probably how it should be, even if the PGA Championship doesn't make clear how it gets to that point. □



BINGO IS BACK EVERY THURSDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY!

WILDER Wednesday

— WIN A SHARE OF UP TO —

\$1,000 in Free Slot Play

Every Wednesday | 10am to Midnight

Earn 25 points and swipe at any kiosk to play.
Win \$20 to \$100 in Free Slot Play.
Play up to five times each Wednesday.

THE SHOPS AT ALHAMBRA CASINO

Offering a wide variety of Retail & Dining Outlets, Salon & Spa Services, Souvenirs and more.

Dunkin Donuts | Baskin Robbins | Fusion Piano & Wine Bar

Hungry Piranha | Twist of Flavors | Juan Valdez Café

The Brownstone Ribs & Seafood

Coming Soon: Auntie Anne's Pretzels

Alhambra
CASINO AND SHOPS

Open daily 10am to 3am | J.E. Irausquin Blvd #47 | 583.5000 | casinoalhambra.com

Play Responsibly. Visit www.gamblersanonymous.org if you or someone you know has a gambling problem.



Suns' Williams voted NBA Coach of the Year after 64 wins

By **DAVID BRANDT**
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — Monty Williams now has the honor that his Phoenix Suns players have been clamoring that he receive for two years: NBA's Coach of the Year.

Good luck getting him to take credit.

"I've often said about my life that God knocks the ball out of the park and I get to run the bases," Williams said. "Yeah, my name goes on the plaque, but my name represents a lot of names."

The 50-year-old Williams won the award on Monday after leading the Suns to a franchise-record 64 wins during the regular season. They were NBA's best team by far, finishing with eight more wins than any other team.

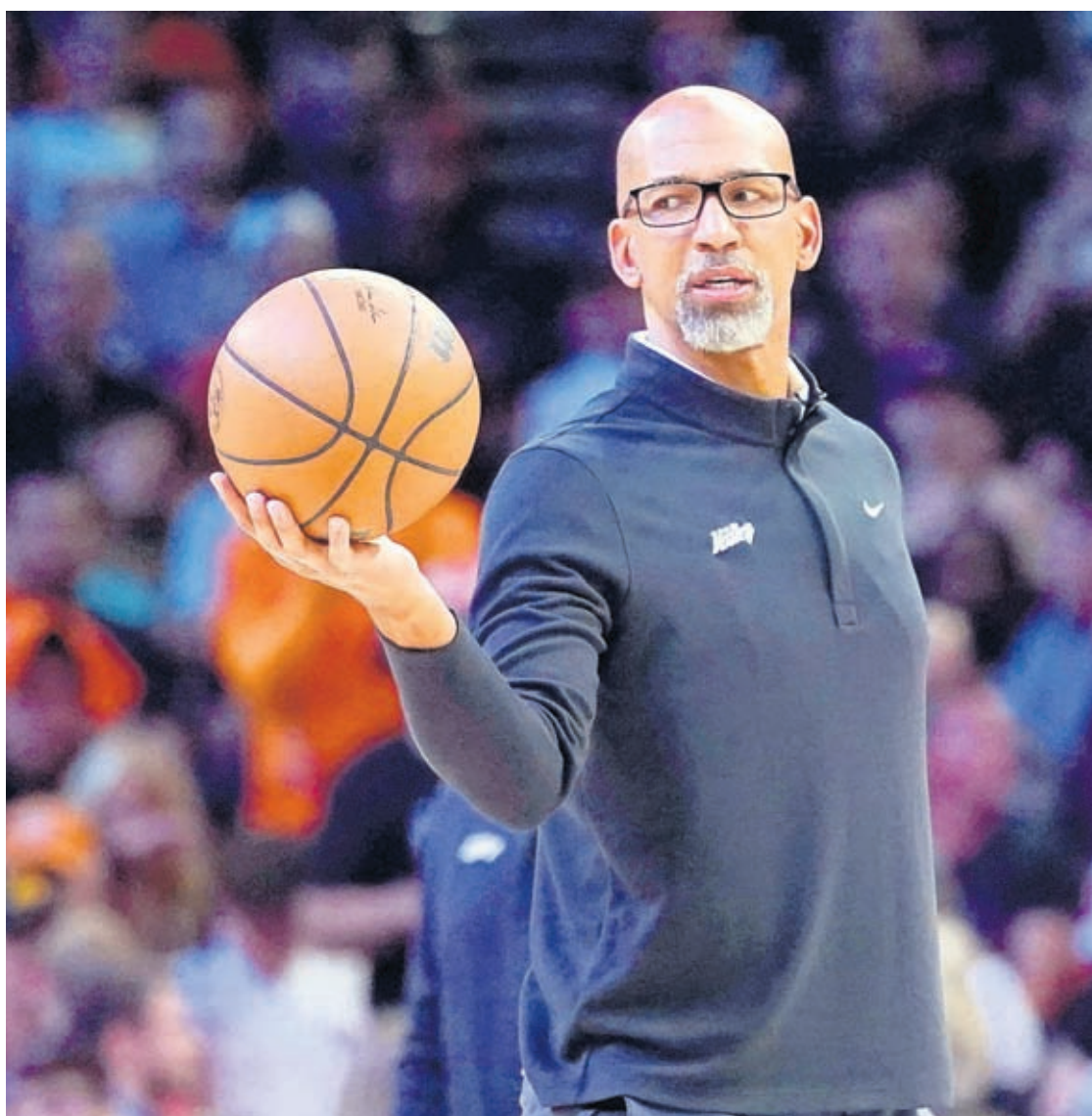
Williams joins Cotton Fitzsimmons (1988-89) and Mike D'Antoni (2004-05) as coaches who have won the award with the Suns.

The runner-up to New York's Tom Thibodeau last season, Williams was the runaway winner this time. He received 81 of 100 first-place votes from a global panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters, finishing with 458 points.

Memphis' Taylor Jenkins was second with 17 first-place votes and 270 points. Miami's Erik Spoelstra and Boston's Ime Udoka also received a first-place vote.

Williams is known for his calming presence on the sideline and tight relationships with players.

He was brought to Phoe-



Phoenix Suns head coach Monty Williams hands off the ball during a break in the action during the first half of Game 2 in the second round of the NBA Western Conference playoff series against the Dallas Mavericks, Wednesday, May 4, 2022, in Phoenix.

nix in 2019 to rebuild a franchise that had been among the worst in the NBA over the previous decade and quickly delivered, especially once 12-time All-Star point guard Chris Paul signed with the Suns in 2020.

Williams said bonding with his players and their families has been rewarding.

"It's probably more important than everything that

we do, from the X's and O's to the drills, to even playing games," Williams said. "I've probably lost out on jobs because people thought I was more interested in the relationship piece than the competition piece. I think they both go hand in hand."

Paul and fellow All-Star guard Devin Booker both posted on social media earlier Monday that Wil-

iams had won the award, even though no official announcement has been made.

Said Booker on Twitter: "Phoenix Suns coach Monty Williams has been voted the NBA's COY, book tells sources. A formal announcement is expected later today."

Paul added: "WD WS... Congrats Coach Mont on Coach of the Year!!"

The WD WS reference is a motto for the Suns, which means well done is better than well said.

Phoenix won a franchise-record 18 consecutive games from Oct. 30 to Dec. 2, including a 16-0 record in November. That was tied for the second-most wins in a month without a loss in NBA history, trailing Atlanta's 17-0 record in January 2015.

Williams led the Suns to the NBA Finals last season, where they lost to the Milwaukee Bucks in six games. They are currently tied 2-2 with the Dallas Mavericks in the Western Conference semifinals.

This is Williams' second head coaching job in the NBA. He led the New Orleans Pelicans for five seasons from 2010 to 2015, making the playoffs twice, but was fired after being swept in the first round of the playoffs in 2015.

Paul played for Williams during part of his tenure in New Orleans. The two reunited in the desert and have had considerable success.

Both are still searching for a title, but have learned to enjoy the smaller victories along the way.

"We all want to win a championship, and yet there are some things we do along the way that you can try to enjoy to the best of your ability," Williams said. "But you're still focused on how you get there."

It's these opposing deals at times. You want to enjoy it, but you're pounding the rock. □

Associated Press